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## FALL REGISTRATION INFO

Registration for Fall semester is August 22-23 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the college's Skyland Campus. For additional information on registration, call the information Hot Line, 391-2293.

The Drop and Add period is August 24 - 25 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. and August 26, 29, and 30 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. The entire Drop and Add period will be held on the Skyland Campus.

## OCTOBER 5 - BIG DAY FOR THE LIBRARY

October 5, 1994 is Dynex Day for Shelton's library and a large celebration is planned by the library staff. The scheduled grand opening will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on the Skyland Campus in celebration of the library's automation. Included in the scheduled festivities will be a contest to be held among Shelton students to name the new on/line computer. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of THE CHRONICLE.

## CONVOCATIONS SCHEDULED

Two convocations, one for faculty and one for college staff, are scheduled as Shelton opens its 1994 Fall semester. The

convocation for staff will be held at 2 p.m. on August 19 in the 15th Street Campus cafeteria. On August 22, a convocation for faculty will be held at 8:15 a.m. at the same location on the Fifteenth Street Campus.

SHELTON PRESIDENT TOM UMPHREY ALONG WITH SIX STUDENTS FROM THE TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WERE FEATURED IN THE SYSTEM'S NEWSLETTER, ASPIRATION. DR. UMPHREY WAS PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS, DR. JOYCE SELLERS, AND BRIAN PINTO, LORI BARGER, AND KIMBERLY MCMILLAN, HOLT HIGH SCHOOL, MELANIE GEIST, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, AND ANGLELA ROY, HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

## PLATO PLANS TO ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY WITH NEW VIGOR!

By Bradley Moore

The influence of Plato has been persistent and unbroken. His Academy at Athens, which opened in about 387 BC, was the forerunner of today's colleges and universities. It was a school devoted to philosophy, law, and scientific research, primarily mathematics; and it endured as an institution until 529 AD, when it and other non-Christian schools were closed by the emperor Justinian.

Students at Shelton State's C.A. Fredd Campus can use an expansion of Plato's influence -- PLATO 2000. PLATO, for short, is a computer-based education system which was acquired from The Roach



Organization some two and one-half years ago. Presently, our lab can accommodate up to a maximum of six students at once. It is hoped that this will be increased in the near future. The PLATO course ware incorporates effective instructional strategies for skills development with real-life applications to help learners establish a solid base of skills in mathematics, reading, language arts, and writing.

The PLATO course ware's instructional strategies -- test/tutorial/drill and practice/application /test -- are consistent throughout the curricula. Using the PLATO curriculum manager, the course ware can be presented as published or completely restructured to correspond to specific program or teaching strategies. Instructors have the additional flexibility to customize the criteria for learner access and master of courses or modules. Another built-in feature is performance reporting. The management system also keeps up with the number of tries, score/mastery, completion status, time-on-task, date of last access, daily attendance, and can track performance of individual students or groups of students.

But why is this information being provided now? PLATO is about to change its entire course ware to a more forward-looking approach to training and education - graphically-based instruction. Within the next two months, the entire course ware will undergo an upgrade to what is being called PLATO 2000+, commonly referred to as P2K. Boring screens with only text will be a thing of the past. Computer graphics and animation were carefully designed to contribute to the instructional objectives and enhance the learning experience. The target audience -- young adults and adult learners.

**Curious? Stop by Bradley Moore's office to see a demo of the pythagorean theorem. Better yet, he'll show you the**

**lab and you can make your own decision about using "the best kept secret on Shelton's five campuses."**

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## **FOUNDATION FACES**

*The CHRONICLE in each of its issues this summer will focus on some of the members of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors.*

### **MEET -- LEAH ANN SEXTON**

*A familiar face at Shelton State is Leah Ann Sexton, wife, mother, community worker, college student, and a member of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors.*

*Sexton is currently enrolled at Shelton and plans to continue her education at the college for "about four more semesters" before transferring to the University of Alabama to complete a degree in chemical engineering.*

*In addition to her studies, she is safety director and in charge of personnel for McAbee Construction Company in Tuscaloosa. According to Sexton, the job is pretty large and all encompassing. Her responsibilities include handling drug testing of employees for the company.*

*Leah Ann and her husband, Ted, entered politics about five years ago when he decided to run for sheriff of Tuscaloosa County. Both are thankful that he is without opposition in his re-election bid this year. The Sextons have two sons, James, 10, and Edmond, 6. The children attend Verner Elementary School.*

*In her "spare time," Leah Ann chairs the Women Committed To Excellence Committee for the Tombigbee Girl Scouts and is a reserve with the Sheriff's Department Mounted Unit. She is also a member of the Junior League of Tuscaloosa.*